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MEMORANDUM FOR: Priorities and Resources Subcommittee Members

SUBJECT   :   Thoughts on Priorities and Resources Subcommittee
                   Tasks for Remainder of FY-76

1. Having established the prioritization of key S&T substance areas,
I believe the most important task is to develop two parameters by which
we can evaluate Community performance against the priority areas. These
parameters are:

    a. A means of determining specific resources expended
against a given area; and

    b. Some measure of efficiency, or degree of satisfaction
of requirement.

2. In the first case, from our discussions of the current CIRIS
status, it would appear that we have the basis for a system of determining
resource allocations against specific areas, but it clearly is not operational
yet. Therefore, one of the things we need to do is work out CIRIS
reporting procedures such that the data will be in a form which we can
use. This can be done; it is simply a matter of each representative
working out acceptable procedures with his principals.

3. The question of how to measure how well the Community is using
the resources allocated to a specific area is a good deal less straight
forward. I think that we need to be able to do this in order to rationally
recommend resource levels for a given area. Some possibilities come to
mind--integration with KEP, feedback through the formal requirements
loop, etc. All of these have shortcomings. I would suggest that this be
a discussion topic, covering:

    a. Do we really need/want an evaluation mechanism? and

    b. How would we go about structuring such a mechanism?

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INTELLIGENCE

The Honorable William E. Colby
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Dear Bill:

The lack of community data standards remains a major deterrent to effective information exchange between intelligence analysts and inter-agency data bases. Suggested resolutions in the past have been ineffective because of difficulties in achieving agreement between agencies. I believe that a concerted effort against a part of the problem can achieve much-needed results in a relatively short time, and can act as a springboard toward achieving a more complete solution to the problem.

The files accessible through COINS represent such a bounded subset. I propose, therefore, to begin our efforts with those files. This approach has been discussed by my staff and the staffs of all involved agencies, as well as with the Information Handling Committee of USIB.

I have asked each COINS file sponsor to provide a representative to a Task Force under the COINS Project Manager, and I request that CIA provide a representative as well. The proposed format for inventorying the required information and a milestone schedule is included as Attachments A and B, respectively. The CIA representative should contact the COINS Project Manager, [   ]

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Sincerely,

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